

Draft Schedule

(The schedule will be updated as needed on the City's web site.)

- 9/06 Prepare maps and legal descriptions for Public Workshop, Question/Answer
- 10/06 Draft Municipal Plan for Services
Complete Fiscal Impact Analysis
Complete 1st Public Hearing
Planning Commission considers environmental document to proceed with annexation
- 11/06 City Pre-Zoning Completed
Prepare Annexation Package
2nd Public Hearing
City Council Resolution
- 12/06-6/07 Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) reviews and approves application for annexation



City Web Site

The City is developing a web site dedicated to the Annexation project. The goal is to keep local as well as distant property owners informed during every step of the process. The web site will be updated regularly, and include:

- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) and contact information
- ✓ Schedule of Public Meetings, Hearings and Timeline for the Project
- ✓ General Plan and Zoning Maps of the Annexation Areas
- ✓ Questions and Comments Box
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Live streaming video of all Public Hearings and a video archive of previous Hearings

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**Cathedral City is
Proposing to
Expand Services
North of
Interstate 10**

Land Uses

Your property is currently in unincorporated Riverside County, and not within any city. The County has zoned the area containing your property as open space and/or very low density residential. The current zoning reflects the County's ability to provide public services to this area, and under the current County zoning there is no significant means to produce tax revenue to improve public services.

The City of Cathedral City intends to zone this area for commercial, business park and residential estate uses and will be able to provide more public services to the area. There would still be open space on extreme slope conditions and where drainage and utility lines cross the area. This would protect natural resources while allowing businesses development that can fund public improvements. Higher use of land and better service mean higher property values.

Contract Awarded to Coachella Valley Engineers

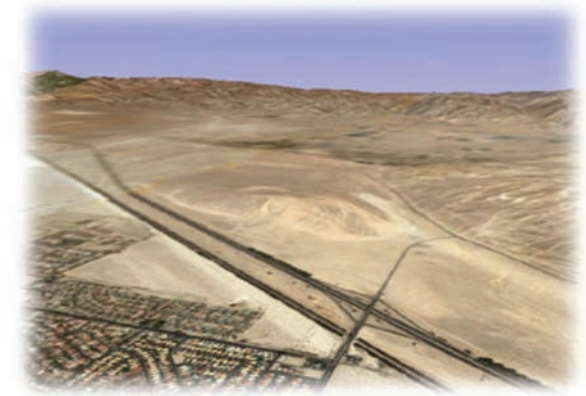
On June 28th, the City Council approved entering into a contract with Coachella Valley Engineers (CVE) to assist the City in expanding the City Limits of Cathedral city (also known as Annexation process). Annexation is a complex process that generally takes between 9 and 12 months and upon completion would expand services into the new area of the City. As a result of CVE's involvement, work has already begun to obtain environmental clearances.

City Benefits

- ◆ The Cathedral City Police Department would replace the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The average police response time within the City of Cathedral City is 7.9 minutes, compared to the Sheriff's response time of 14.1 minutes from Palm Desert to the annexation area. The City will be establishing a police sub-station north of I-10 as development occurs, thereby reducing current response time to the area.
- ◆ The Cathedral City Fire Department would replace the Riverside County Fire Department. Currently, the nearest County Fire Stations are located in north Palm Springs and in Desert Hot Springs, with each station having only one fire truck. The Cathedral City Fire Department has three stations throughout the City that include six fire trucks, four ambulances and one hazardous materials vehicle. The City will be establishing a Fire Station north of I-10 as development occurs, thereby reducing current response time to the area.
- ◆ In addition, property owners in the annexation area could see a reduction in insurance rates with City services rather than the County's.
- ◆ The Cathedral City Fire Department provides advanced life-support and emergency ambulance services.



- ◆ Palm Drive and Varner Road are four-lane streets according to Riverside County plans. These same roads are identified as six-lane streets on Cathedral City plans. Additional land for right-of-way will not be required to provide the additional lanes.
- ◆ The City's plan also includes a four-lane street running parallel to I-10 between Palm Drive and Date Palm Drive. All public streets will be maintained by the City.



Many Services Will Not Change

- ◆ Coachella Valley Water District will continue to provide water and sewer services. Palm Springs Unified School District will continue to serve this area. Refuse collection will be provided by Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services under contract with the City.
- ◆ No new taxes will be imposed as a result of this annexation and a higher level of services will be provided.